

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

VICTORIA

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SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.

TREND ESTIMATE

Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a. not available

n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable

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p preliminary — figure or series subject to revision

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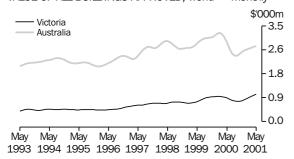
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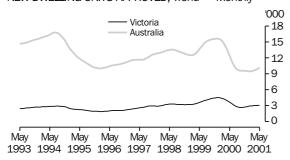




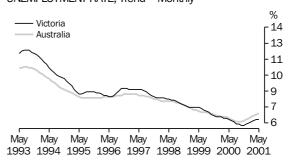
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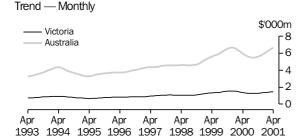
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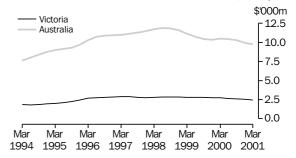
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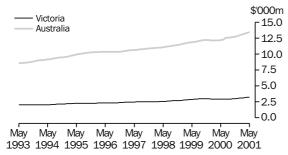
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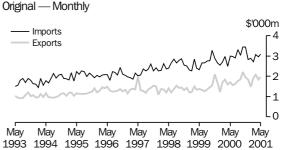
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		At e	end of period	Increase du	ring period	
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
Period	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997–1998	2 301.0	2 353.9	4 654.9	27.7	49.7	3 367.0
1998–1999	2 328.1	2 379.5	4 707.6	27.1	52.7	3 413.9
1999-2000 p	2 358.9	2 407.0	4 765.9	26.8	58.3	3 466.0
1998						
December qtr	2 315.6	2 368.5	4 684.1	6.8	15.1	
1999						
March qtr	2 322.7	2 374.5	4 697.2	7.7	13.1	
June qtr	2 328.1	2 379.5	4 707.6	6.4	10.4	
September qtr p	2 336.0	2 386.2	4 722.2	6.2	14.6	
December qtr p	2 343.2	2 393.5	4 736.7	6.3	14.5	
2000						
March qtr p	2 352.3	2 401.4	4 753.7	7.2	17.0	
June qtr p	2 358.9	2 407.0	4 765.9	7.0	12.2	
September qtr p (b)	2 368.0	2 414.9	4 782.9	6.2	17.0	
December qtr p (b)	2 375.5	2 421.9	4 797.4	6.2	14.5	

⁽a) Based on the 1998 Statistical Division boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

			Reį	gistrations	Annual rate	per 1,000 o	f mean estima	ted resident population	
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1997-98	60 143	32 423	25 955	11 916	13.00	7.01	5.61	2.58	4.86
1998-99	59 374	32 298	26 351	12 579	12.68	6.90	5.63	2.69	5.36
1999-2000 p	58 040	31 239	27 541	12 818	12.25	6.60	5.81	2.71	(a)4.65
1998									
March qtr	14 577	7 169	8 530	2 663					
June qtr	14 870	8 097	6 070	2 908					
September qtr	15 197	8 984	3 912	3 188					
December qtr	14 648	7 850	7 860	3 548					
Year—1998	59 292	32 100	26 372	12 307	12.74	6.90	5.67	2.64	4.82
1999									
March qtr	14 939	7 259	8 657	2 738					
June qtr	14 590	8 205	5 922	3 105					
September qtr	p 14 965	p 8 747	4 211	3 461					
December qtr	p 14 554	p 8 220	8 462	3 438					
Year—1999	p 59 048	p 32 431	27 252	12 742	p 12.54	p 6.89	5.79	2.71	5.62
2000									
March qtr p	14 191	6 978	8 678	2 733					
June qtr p	14 330	7 294	6 190	3 186					
September qtr p	14 633	8 403	3 940	3 088					
December qtr p	15 520	9 356	8 024	3 396	_	_	_	_	_
Year—2000 p	58 674	32 031	26 832	12 403	p 12.31	p 6.72	5.63	2.6	(a)3.61

⁽a) Infant deaths are understated due to incomplete identification of age at death data. Rates wil be revised when calendar year numbers are finalised.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

⁽b) Special arrangements were put in place to obtain overseas migration data for September and December quarters 2000 and, as a consequence, the estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 September and 30 December 2000. Further information is available in December quarter 2000, Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no 3101.0) and Demography Working Paper 2001/1 — Estimating July to December 2000 Net Overseas Migration, available on the ABS website http://www.abs.gov.au. From the navigation bar select Themes; Demography; ABS Demography Working Papers.

		Employed	Unemploye	ed looking	for work					
	Full- time	Total	Full- time	Part- time	Total	Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population 15 years and over	Unemploy- ment rate	Partici- pation rate
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
					MALES	 S				
2000										
March	1 085.6	1 254.1	70.2	18.0	88.1	1 342.2	517.8	1 860.0	6.6	72.2
April	1 085.2	1 259.5	67.9	16.9	84.8	1 344.3	517.9	1 862.2	6.3	72.2
May	1 092.3	1 256.7	74.7	15.7	90.5	1 347.2	517.1	1 864.3	6.7	72.3
June	1 089.2	1 262.1	65.4	14.5	79.9	1 342.0	524.5	1 866.5	6.0	71.9
July	1 114.8	1 287.5	60.4	10.7	71.1	1 358.5	510.5	1 869.0	5.2	72.7
August	1 093.3	1 267.7	64.9	17.5	82.4	1 350.0	521.5	1 871.5	6.1	72.1
September	1 116.9	1 289.4	70.0	15.0	85.0	1 374.4	499.7	1 874.1	6.2	73.3
October	1 125.3	1 296.2	68.6	10.8	79.4	1 375.6	501.5	1 877.1	5.8	73.3
November	1 132.4	1 299.1	66.8	13.7	80.6	1 379.6	500.5	1 880.1	5.8	73.4
December	1 151.2	1 318.0	67.4	19.5	86.9	1 404.9	478.2	1 883.1	6.2	74.6
2001										
January	1 124.0	1 294.4	70.7	14.2	84.9	1 379.2	506.8	1 886.0	6.2	73.1
February	1 134.5	1 313.6	75.1	14.4	89.6	1 403.2	485.7	1 888.9	6.4	74.3
March	1 114.6	1 292.1	68.4	19.6	88.0	1 380.1	511.7	1 891.8	6.4	73.0
April	1 122.2	1 304.2	67.5	21.3	88.8	1 393.0	501.2	1 894.3	6.4	73.5
May	1 115.9	1 301.7	61.5	21.4	82.8	1 384.5	512.2	1 896.8	6.0	73.0
					FEMALE	ES				
2000										
March	546.9	983.1	47.6	30.9	78.5	1 061.6	878.0	1 939.5	7.4	54.7
April	541.7	985.3	43.4	24.1	67.5	1 052.7	888.7	1 941.5	6.4	54.2
May	544.2	992.8	45.5	22.9	68.4	1 061.3	882.2	1 943.4	6.4	54.6
June	563.1	1 014.3	41.6	20.2	61.8	1 076.1	869.2	1 945.3	5.7	55.3
July	575.3	1 022.2	39.5	23.2	62.7	1 084.9	862.9	1 947.8	5.8	55.7
August	550.4	1 005.0	39.1	18.6	57.7	1 062.7	887.6	1 950.3	5.4	54.5
September	568.6	1 024.5	41.6	24.6	66.2	1 090.7	862.0	1 952.8	6.1	55.9
October	571.4	1 011.4	33.3	23.6	56.9	1 068.3	887.0	1 955.3	5.3	54.6
November	559.2	999.4	35.3	17.8	53.1	1 052.4	905.3	1 957.8	5.0	53.8
December	577.7	1 014.9	33.9	22.9	56.8	1 071.8	888.5	1 960.3	5.3	54.7
2001										
January	566.7	982.7	39.7	24.4	64.0	1 046.8	915.9	1 962.7	6.1	53.3
February	572.5	1 002.0	42.6	33.9	76.5	1 078.5	886.5	1 965.0	7.1	54.9
March	568.0	1 013.7	37.7	36.0	73.7	1 087.4	880.0	1 967.4	6.8	55.3
April	563.4	1 006.4	41.8	25.3	67.1	1 073.5	895.8	1 969.3	6.3	54.5
May	561.9	1 011.3	46.8	27.8	74.6	1 085.9	885.4	1 971.3	6.9	55.1
					PERSON	NS				
2000										
March	1 632.5	2 237.2	117.8	48.8	166.6	2 403.8	1 395.8	3 799.6	6.9	63.3
April	1 626.9	2 244.8	111.3	41.0	152.2	2 397.0	1 406.6	3 803.6	6.4	63.0
May	1 636.5	2 249.6	120.3	38.6	158.9	2 408.4	1 399.3	3 807.7	6.6	63.3
June	1 652.3	2 276.4	107.1	34.7	141.7	2 418.1	1 393.7	3 811.8	5.9	63.4
July	1 690.1	2 309.7	99.9	33.9	133.8	2 443.4	1 373.4	3 816.8	5.5	64.0
August	1 643.7	2 272.7	104.0	36.1	140.0	2 412.7	1 409.1	3 821.8	5.8	63.1
September	1 685.5	2 313.9	111.7	39.6	151.2	2 465.2	1 361.7	3 826.8	6.1	64.4
October	1 696.7	2 307.6	101.9	34.4	136.3	2 443.9	1 388.5	3 832.4	5.6	63.8
November	1 691.6	2 298.4	102.1	31.5	133.6	2 432.1	1 405.8	3 837.9	5.5	63.4
December	1 728.9	2 332.9	101.3	42.4	143.7	2 476.7	1 366.7	3 843.4	5.8	64.4
2001	0.0	_ 002.0			0		_ 55011	2 3 10.4	0.0	J 11-
January	1 690.7	2 277.1	110.4	38.6	148.9	2 426.0	1 422.6	3 848.7	6.1	63.0
February	1 707.1	2 315.6	117.8	48.3	166.1	2 481.7	1 372.2	3 853.9	6.7	64.4
March	1 682.6	2 305.7	106.2	55.6	161.7	2 467.5	1 391.7	3 859.2	6.6	63.9
April	1 685.6	2 310.7	109.3	46.6	155.9	2 466.6	1 397.0	3 863.6	6.3	63.8
May	1 677.8	2 313.0	108.2	49.2	157.4	2 470.4	1 397.7	3 868.1	6.4	63.9
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⁽a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published in this table to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. Information Paper: Implementing the *Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see Information Paper: *Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (Cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

	Feb 2000	<i>May</i> 2000	Aug 2000	Nov 2000	Feb 2001	Мау 2001
ndustry division	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000'
		MALES				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	56.6	63.2	62.3	61.7	58.1	61.9
Mining	5.1	7.4	5.4	5.5	4.8	*3.5
Manufacturing	255.5	256.0	264.3	274.6	264.8	260.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	11.1	14.2	12.2	12.4	11.8	13.3
Construction	136.3	140.5	140.4	148.7	143.4	137.9
Wholesale trade	77.6	76.9	71.9	71.0	69.4	74.9
Retail trade	166.0	163.8	149.4	151.4	163.0	171.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	46.2	46.0	41.8	51.7	50.2	49.0
Transport and storage	71.8	72.8	72.7	78.3	82.0	80.
Communication services	35.7	38.2	37.8	38.1	39.2	40.9
Finance and insurance	42.7	38.7	42.2	39.4	44.8	42.:
Property and business services	144.5	143.6	157.8	165.7	165.0	147.
Government administration and defence	34.3	29.3	31.6	34.0	40.4	37.6
Education	48.0	44.2	47.5	42.1	47.9	52.2
Health and community services	41.5	44.0	50.9	48.8	52.7	50.3
Cultural and recreational services	31.7	32.4	35.5	31.2	32.8	32.
Personal and other services	50.0	43.6	42.2	42.6	40.3	45.
Total (b)	r 1 257.2	r 1 256.7	r 1 267.7	r 1 299.1	r 1 313.6	1 301.
		FEMALES				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	25.8	29.2	30.1	30.8	33.9	30.2
Mining	*1.4	*2.0	*2.0	*0.5	*0.6	*0.
Manufacturing	101.6	108.1	105.9	106.1	100.5	104.
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.4	*2.8	*1.7	*2.8	*4.2	*4.4
Construction	21.0	17.4	19.2	20.1	17.4	16.0
Wholesale trade	34.5	37.2	35.8	32.8	34.4	33.
Retail trade	173.7	170.7	167.0	164.2	173.1	168.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	48.3	56.9	54.7	59.6	53.7	52.9
Transport and storage	20.9	23.7	25.7	21.6	24.5	26.
Communication services	19.5	17.5	18.2	17.4	16.9	16.
Finance and insurance	49.4	48.1	48.5	46.4	44.3	50.5
Property and business services	116.8	118.4	129.4	122.1	116.7	115.
Government administration and defence	34.2	34.8	39.3	45.2	46.1	48.9
Education	93.6	99.8	108.3	102.6	96.3	102.0
Health and community services	156.8	158.7	161.1	156.3	171.8	172.3
Cultural and recreational services	24.9	28.4	28.0	34.4	27.2	25.6
Personal and other services	41.0	36.9	26.4	33.1	38.9	43.9
Total (b)	r 971.2	r 992.8	r 1 005.0	r 999.4	r 1 002.0	1 011.
		PERSONS				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	82.4	92.4	92.3	92.5	92.0	92.:
Mining	6.5	9.3	7.4	6.0	5.4	*3.9
Manufacturing	357.1	364.1	370.1	380.7	365.4	364.
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.5	17.0	13.9	15.2	16.0	17.6
Construction	157.3	157.9	159.7	168.7	160.9	154.
Wholesale trade	112.1	114.1	107.6	103.9	103.8	108.3
Retail trade	339.7	334.5	316.4	315.6	336.1	338.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	94.5	102.9	96.5	111.2	103.9	102.
Transport and storage	94.5	96.5	98.5	99.9	106.5	102.
Communication services	55.1	55.7	56.0	55.5	56.2	57.
Finance and insurance	92.1	86.8	90.8	85.8	89.2	92.
Property and business services	261.3	262.0	287.1	287.8	281.7	262.
Government administration and defence	261.3 68.5	262.0 64.1	287.1 71.0	287.8 79.2	281.7 86.5	262. 86.
Education	141.6	144.0	155.8	144.8	144.3	
Health and community services						154.2 222.4
Cultural and recreational services	198.3 56.6	202.7	212.0	205.0	224.4	
Personal and other services	56.6	60.8	63.5	65.6 75.7	60.0	57.6
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⁽a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional items and some minor definitional changes. Revisions have been made to core labour force estimates to ensure continuity, which have been published in Table 3. However, this table contains estimates which have not been revised, so data from April 2001 onwards are not strictly comparable with earlier unrevised data. Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire (Cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey (cat. No. 6232.0).

⁽b) Total employed person counts for Feb 2000, May 2000, Aug 2000, Nov 2000 and Feb 2001 have been revised to reflect definitional changes introduced in April 2001 whilst counts of employed persons by industry, being non core data items, have not been revised. Hence the sum of each industry for the above reference periods will not add to total employed persons. See footnote (a) for further details.

5 JOB VACANCIES

			Sector	
	Vacancies all persons	Public	Private	Job vacancy rate
onth	'000	'000	'000	%
2000				
February	27.0	4.4	22.5	1.33
May	26.2	6.7	19.5	1.28
August	38.8	4.1	34.7	1.86
November	35.2	5.0	30.2	1.69
2001				
February	29.5	3.7	25.7	1.41
May	23.8	3.2	20.6	1.11

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

	Di	isputes	Employees in	volved				Working da	ays lost
	Beginning in period	Total	Beginning in period	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Tota
	no.	no.	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1999									
September	13	14	14.0	14.1	19.2	4.6	_	0.2	24.0
October	21	23	8.2	8.4	1.6	5.1	0.7	0.6	8.0
November	17	21	17.8	17.9	5.2	19.6	_	0.6	25.4
December	29	34	5.6	6.5	6.2	1.7	_	0.5	8.4
2000									
January	19	24	2.7	2.9	3.9	2.4	_	0.8	7.1
February	18	24	7.8	8.5	6.4	12.8	_	1.5	20.7
March	17	21	4.9	8.1	4.9	10.4	2.0	2.4	19.7
April	8	15	1.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	0.5	1.4	9.9
May	22	26	8.7	8.9	1.9	7.0	_	0.5	9.4
June	19	23	6.2	6.6	6.8	0.3	_	2.4	9.5
July	22	27	7.3	9.9	1.0	3.6	2.0	0.5	7.1
August	25	36	7.0	8.1	11.2	1.4	0.3	0.8	13.8
September	21	31	10.4	12.0	8.0	2.0	0.7	0.6	11.4
October	16	24	9.6	11.1	7.9	8.7	_	0.2	16.8
November	22	28	2.2	2.6	5.4	0.9	_	0.8	7.1
December	14	18	2.2	2.6	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.4	4.0
2001									
January	18	21	2.6	2.7	2.2	1.3	_	0.1	3.6
February	20	23	2.7	2.9	9.2	1.5	_	0.1	10.8
March	22	25	11.1	11.8	3.6	8.2	_	1.5	13.3

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

_			Males			Females			Persons
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
Month	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1999									
November	780.80	838.80	726.90	695.40	712.40	488.80	750.10	793.40	610.80
2000									
February	797.80	843.70	732.30	696.70	710.00	492.60	761.30	795.40	616.20
May	799.10	850.10	739.60	706.00	722.60	504.80	765.90	804.70	626.30
August	813.10	861.40	741.80	724.10	740.40	513.80	781.60	818.60	632.30
November	808.70	857.00	737.80	716.20	732.70	509.80	776.20	813.30	627.60
2001									
February	826.20	865.60	748.00	736.60	749.90	533.10	794.00	824.00	645.20

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX — MELBOURNE

		1999				2000	2001
Group	1999–2000	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr
Food	128.7	128.6	128.3	130.1	131.6	132.8	136.8
Alcohol and tobacco	174.2	173.7	176.5	177.3	187.6	189.1	194.8
Clothing and footwear	107.1	107.1	106.9	106.9	116.2	115.4	112.5
Housing	90.7	90.4	91.7	91.7	97.8	98.3	99.1
Household furnishings, supplies, and services	114.7	114.4	114.3	115.7	117.9	117.1	117.8
Health	168.3	165.9	170.2	170.9	171.9	172.8	177.8
Transportation	127.9	125.2	129.2	131.2	134.5	135.6	136.2
Communication	97.6	97.1	97.2	98.5	105.4	104.6	104.3
Recreation	122.5	122.6	122.7	122.4	127.8	127.4	126.1
Education	175.5	171.5	179.4	179.4	179.7	179.8	187.6
Miscellaneous	146.1	143.3	147.8	153.4	159.3	159.4	160.2
All groups	124.1	123.5	124.7	125.6	130.4	130.8	132.2
Weighted average of eight capital cities — all groups	124.7	124.1	125.2	126.2	130.9	131.3	132.7
Note: Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0.							

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

				2000–2001			
	1007.00	1000.00	1000 0000	•			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Mar qti
Group	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000	Sept qtr	Dec qtr	March qrt	2001
House building							
All groups	117.1	118.0	121.7	123.2	123.4	122.8	124.2
Other than house building							
Structural timber	115.6	116.2	118.5	126.2	123.8	122.0	132.2
Clay bricks	117.9	119.6	123.8	130.2	130.7	130.7	128.0
Ready mix concrete	111.4	112.9	110.8	108.6	109.5	107.1	99.2
Precast concrete products	115.7	123.9	130.9	138.2	142.2	146.6	134.0
Steel decking and cladding	109.4	108.0	109.3	113.2	112.7	113.7	118.9
Structural steel	104.9	104.9	101.3	101.2	99.8	100.2	113.4
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	100.8	99.5	93.8	89.3	88.8	90.3	103.2
Aluminium windows	100.0	100.4	105.1	111.5	113.2	113.3	119.5
Fabricated steel products	120.0	124.7	125.6	124.1	125.2	126.1	119.4
Builders' hardware	119.6	122.7	127.6	135.2	134.2	134.2	135.7
Sand and aggregate	116.3	120.5	120.6	118.3	118.6	125.5	124.9
Carpet	102.6	100.1	98.9	93.5	94.4	96.1	97.0
Paint and other coatings	144.7	153.8	162.4	165.3	168.5	167.3	152.6
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	113.0	111.2	116.6	120.8	127.7	131.1	145.5
All groups excluding electrical materials							
and mechanical services	111.0	112.3	113.0	114.1	115.2	115.7	117.2
All electrical materials	109.8	112.4	116.8	112.8	115.9	117.1	119.8
All mechanical services	114.9	118.2	120.6	115.4	117.2	117.3	115.2
All plumbing materials	122.8	122.8	127.7	128.4	131.0	131.2	132.0
All groups	111.4	113.2	114.4	114.0	115.3	115.7	116.7

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly); Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

10 LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000'
1997–1998	1 798.0	767.2	3 285.6	6 385.7	1 567.7
1998–1999	1 751.3	714.4	3 079.6	6 699.4	1 572.8
1999–2000	1 524.2	678.5	3 815.7	7 144.0	1 443.7
2000					
February	136.1	8.1	398.8	590.6	117.6
March	140.8	16.9	392.6	627.4	131.2
April	106.9	26.4	273.0	515.7	110.1
May	140.7	50.1	341.0	655.0	126.7
June	131.3	74.0	289.6	654.9	107.2
July	108.6	82.8	272.2	620.1	93.8
August	127.6	189.8	304.9	704.1	103.4
September	114.5	111.8	288.5	624.8	80.1
October	129.5	51.9	347.2	735.5	84.2
November	135.4	13.8	370.7	765.0	90.4
December	121.0	5.7	282.0	632.7	86.8
2001					
January	134.4	6.0	382.4	675.9	84.7
February	135.6	5.2	406.4	654.8	83.6
March	131.8	14.0	418.6	672.1	90.5
April	110.2	r 19.4	r 307.0	r 592.3	r 87.3
May	137.4	46.8	393.6	704.2	95.9

				Meat (carcass weight
	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmea
	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonne
1997–1998	389 087	15 578	63 470	119 972	112 50
1998–1999	398 815	14 225	61 647	128 379	114 58
1999–2000	351 371	13 371	76 713	140 205	106 69
2000					
February	31 668	198	7 647	11 693	8 49
March	32 739	364	7 598	12 316	9 59
April	24 523	533	5 268	10 200	7 86
May	32 077	970	6 634	13 158	9 68
June	29 732	1 397	5 797	12 955	8 11
July	25 181	1 534	5 791	12 311	7 07
August	29 353	3 638	6 555	14 079	7 87
September	26 829	2 268	5 989	12 304	6 04
October	31 100	991	7 414	14 161	6 17
November	32 630	281	7 827	14 895	6 73
December	27 544	131	5 931	12 171	6 75
2001					
January	31 525	138	7 673	13 000	6 26
February	31 995	115	7 755	12 925	5 97
March	30 517	283	7 699	13 056	6 49
April	24 966	r 378	r 5 761	r 11 309	r 6 42
May	31 913	901	7 525	13 875	6 84

12 NEW HOUSES AND OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS

				New houses			New other resident	ial buildings
	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under construction(a)	Completed
Period	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1997-1998	27 937	26 004	12 368	22 425	7 412	7 598	5 148	6 542
1998-1999	29 227	29 165	14 455	26 926	8 861	8 307	6 198	7 029
1999-2000	36 174	34 716	17 861	31 231	12 009	11 725	9 715	8 105
1999								
September qtr	9 293	8 155	15 667	6 939	3 184	3 354	7 844	1 702
December qtr	9 671	8 817	15 741	8 719	2 558	2 680	8 910	1 566
2000								
March qtr	9 663	8 975	18 128	6 569	3 883	2 856	9 509	2 220
June qtr	7 547	8 769	17 861	9 004	2 384	2 835	9 715	2 617
September qtr	5 547	6 138	15 780	8 224	2 433	2 430	9 555	2 516
December qtr	5 629	5 918	14 238	7 424	2 312	1 961	9 496	1 996
(a) Under construction	on at the end	of the period.						

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly); Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

				٨	lew dwellin	g units(a)				
	Priv	ate sector	Public	sector		Total(b)			residential building(c)	
							Alterations, additions and conversions(d)	Private sector	Total	Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
				MELI	BOURNE S	TATISTICAL	DIVISION			
1997-1998	27 490	3 026.5	752	56.0	28 242	3 082.6	701.2	2 168.2	2 593.0	6 376.8
1998-1999	28 615	3 550.4	666	49.6	29 276	3 600.0	800.3	1 918.6	2 642.3	7 042.6
1999-2000	36 766	5 052.7	611	51.1	37 377	5 103.8	1 016.8	2 226.8	2 654.2	8 774.7
2000	00.00	0 002	011	01.1	0. 0	0 200.0	1 010.0		2 002	0
February	3 474	457.3	54	4.1	3 528	461.4	87.5	208.2	262.5	811.5
March	3 809	533.3	9	0.8	3 818	534.1	84.9	153.0	171.1	790.1
April	2 548	336.3	30	2.3	2 578	338.6	97.8	232.1	289.9	726.3
May	2 524	357.7	40	3.5	2 564	361.2	83.7	158.1	173.4	618.3
June	2 434	344.8	43	3.3	2 477	348.1	93.3	283.3	305.5	747.0
July	2 319	395.7	36	3.0	2 355	398.7	114.9	284.8	520.5	1 034.1
August	1 948	291.2	32	3.1	1 980	294.3	88.8	193.0	227.8	610.9
September	r 1 920	r 273.5	32	3.3	r 1 952	r 276.8	57.1	179.3	216.2	r 550.1
October	1 380	207.8	68	6.7	1 448	214.5	87.3	147.0	178.3	480.1
November	2 301	355.3	15	1.1	2 316	356.4	82.8	194.8	237.9	677.1
December	2 376	393.5	11	1.7	2 387	395.2	63.2	240.2	260.6	718.9
2001	2 310	333.3	11	1.1	2 301	333.2	05.2	240.2	200.0	710.5
January	1 983	310.2	51	4.9	2 034	315.1	59.0	157.9	225.7	599.9
February	2 490	359.9	25	3.3	2 515	363.2	73.9	183.1	232.7	669.8
March	2 582	433.4	19	2.9	2 601	436.2	106.7	277.0	434.6	977.5
April	1 829	289.0	19	2.5	1 848		63.3		309.3	664.2
May	2 687	411.7	15	2.5 1.5	2 702	291.6 413.2	97.1	282.2 370.7	451.1	961.5
iviay	2 001	411.7	13	1.5		VICTORIA	91.1	310.1	431.1	901.5
1997–1998	34 178	3 811.3	1 171	88.6	35 349		858.5	2 476.9	3 064.5	7 822.8
1998–1999						3 899.8				
	37 194	4 482.6	894	67.2	38 088	4 549.9	951.2	2 262.5	3 125.7	8 626.8
1999–2000	47 396	6 312.6	787	65.1	48 183	6 377.7	1 208.4	2 622.1	3 215.0	10 801.1
2000	4 507	500.0	70	- 0	4.070	F00.7	404.0	005.4	005.5	4 005 5
February	4 597	592.8	73	5.9	4 670	598.7	101.2	235.1	325.5	1 025.5
March	4 791	653.1	12	1.1	4 803	654.2	103.3	185.8	215.8	973.4
April	3 334	433.0	39	3.0	3 373	436.0	112.8	257.2	327.3	876.1
May	3 335	456.0	49	4.2	3 384	460.3	103.5	213.2	240.2	804.0
June	3 126	425.9	49	3.8	3 175	429.7	111.7	324.3	350.9	892.2
July	2 851	462.1	38	3.1	2 889	465.2	125.7	310.3	560.1	1 151.0
August	2 512	364.7	59	5.3	2 571	370.0	104.9	219.0	267.7	742.7
September	r 2 499	r 342.8	32	3.3	r 2 531	r 346.1	73.0	226.9	292.9	r 712.0
October	1 963	284.0	71	7.3	2 034	291.3	108.0	188.6	228.7	628.1
November	2 964	437.5	15	1.1	2 979	438.5	97.8	226.5	290.4	826.7
December	2 939	467.5	16	2.5	2 955	470.0	79.4	280.1	311.7	861.1
2001										
January	2 514	381.4	58	5.9	2 572	387.3	73.2	181.5	266.8	727.3
February	3 132	446.3	28	4.0	3 160	450.3	89.4	202.7	257.8	797.6
March	3 237	524.8	23	3.7	3 260	528.5	126.1	323.0	501.5	1 156.2
April	2 424	366.2	24	3.1	2 448	369.3	78.8	307.3	346.9	794.9
May	3 562	525.3	36	3.7	3 598	529.0	116.7	404.8	517.2	1 162.9

⁽a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (quarterly).

 $⁽b) \ \ \text{Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings}.$

⁽c) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

⁽d) Includes alterations and additions creating dwellings, alterations and additions not creating dwellings and conversions.

	esidential buildings		Nor				idential buildings	Resi	
To	Other	Health	Education	Offices	Factories	Shops	Alterations and additions	New	
Ş	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
					COMMENCED	C			
7 932	1 399.8	250.2	270.9	428.6	241.8	598.5	891.1	3 850.5	1997–1998
8 530	1 186.0	239.9	485.0	428.1	263.6	444.1	987.2	4 496.3	1998-1999
10 920	925.9	316.4	592.5	484.5	386.6	557.3	1 295.6	6 361.5	1999–2000 1999
2 518	242.1	71.7	86.0	83.6	69.5	119.0	305.2	1 540.9	September qtr
2 523	188.1	75.9	83.2	176.6	65.8	110.4	278.8	1 544.5	December qtr
2 520	100.1	13.3	03.2	170.0	05.0	110.4	210.0	1 544.5	2000
2 783	251.7	103.4	124.2	115.1	90.0	119.9	327.1	1 652.2	March gtr
3 095	244.0	65.5	299.0	109.2	161.3	208.0	384.6	1 623.9	June gtr
2 452	337.6	45.1	87.7	119.0	64.9	168.5	268.2	1 361.2	September qtr
2 26	226.8	43.9	154.2	173.3	51.3	136.5	302.3	1 179.6	December gtr
					UCTION AT EN		UNDE		
5 542	1 466.0	279.8	320.2	241.6	141.9	406.6	412.4	2 274.1	1997–1998
6 268	1 611.2	243.5	485.8	190.2	120.9	420.8	451.3	2 745.1	1998-1999
7 742	1 028.7	291.8	711.1	217.6	224.7	473.3	595.7	4 199.8	1999–2000 1999
6 716	1 503.3	237.1	527.3	129.6	117.8	440.2	531.2	3 229.8	September qtr
6 822	1 433.6	219.6	491.7	206.0	110.0	305.7	561.2	3 493.2	December gtr
0 02.	1 .00.0	220.0	.02	200.0	220.0	000	001.2	0 .00.2	2000
7 343	1 104.6	283.1	504.9	229.7	136.6	367.9	654.0	4 063.0	March qtr
7 742	1 028.7	291.8	711.1	217.6	224.7	473.3	595.7	4 199.8	June gtr
7 77	1 088.6	259.2	593.5	234.1	195.2	626.6	608.7	4 171.4	September qtr
7 749	1 028.1	262.8	666.1	302.4	184.8	596.6	665.9	4 042.4	December qtr
					COMPLETED	(
7 572	1 738.4	208.2	283.2	449.4	338.4	474.7	866.6	3 213.6	1997-1998
8 11:	1 110.3	305.1	328.5	524.9	294.3	487.3	992.4	4 068.1	1998-1999
9 872	1 606.9	284.1	409.0	462.3	292.4	573.2	1 193.5	5 049.6	1999-2000
									1999
2 156	375.3	81.2	50.2	147.0	76.1	116.3	235.3	1 075.3	September qtr
2 51	265.3	94.0	124.1	101.6	75.1	277.4	260.9	1 319.3	December qtr
									2000
		40.6	119.6	91.9	65.5	69.9	247.4	1 114.1	March qtr
2 354	605.8	10.0				400 F	449.9	1 541.0	June atr
2 842	605.8 360.5	68.3	115.1	121.8	75.7	109.5		1 541.0	
			115.1 209.9	121.8 102.1	75.7 91.2	95.4	276.7	1 490.9	September qtr

			Selecti	ed industries		Type of asset
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
Period	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
			ACTUAL			
1998-1999	1 234	2 954	7 180	11 368	3 211	8 157
1999–2000 1999	615	3 363	6 999	10 977	2 761	8 217
December qtr 2000	194	928	1 849	2 970	711	2 260
March qtr	66	721	1 622	2 409	595	1 814
June qtr	151	796	1 819	2 766	656	2 110
September qtr	77	965	1 623	2 665	566	2 099
December qtr 2001	108	r 767	r 1 727	r 2 602	r 594	r 2 008
March qtr	77	590	1 556	2 222	432	1 790
			EXPECTED			
2000-2001	501	3 226	6 593	10 320	2 148	8 172
2001–2002	639	2 610	5 159	8 408	1 361	7 047
Source: State Estimates of	f Private New Capita	al Expenditure (Cat. no.	5646.0) (quarterly).			

16 COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

		n facilities	Fixed Ioa					
Total commitments	Revolving credit facilities	Total	Other	Wholesale	Purchase of plant and equipment	Purchase of real property	Construction	
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
								2000
3 081.5	1 523.2	1 558.3	523.4	57.5	201.3	657.5	118.6	February
3 720.1	2 013.8	1 706.3	652.9	47.1	211.1	672.2	123.0	March
2 924.2	1 396.7	1 527.5	506.5	161.6	185.9	536.1	137.3	April
4 248.2	2 580.0	1 668.2	549.6	45.0	217.7	706.6	149.4	May
5 021.9	1 642.0	3 380.0	1 979.7	86.3	351.5	775.7	186.8	June
3 277.5	1 486.8	1 790.8	720.1	93.8	178.6	563.5	234.7	July
2 938.3	1 100.3	1 838.0	809.9	77.3	225.1	549.2	176.5	August
3 805.4	1 947.3	1 858.1	896.4	71.0	225.7	509.4	155.5	September
3 121.5	1 203.5	1 918.0	989.0	66.1	179.2	523.3	160.4	October
3 035.2	1 464.4	1 570.8	497.9	105.3	204.1	581.8	181.7	November
3 984.9	2 353.6	1 631.3	651.9	93.7	223.4	527.8	134.6	December
								2001
3 019.3	1 591.2	1 428.1	491.3	92.8	172.6	555.7	115.7	January
4 325.6	1 825.1	2 500.5	1 641.2	50.1	196.1	516.2	97.1	February
4 082.9	1 508.0	2 575.0	1 362.9	70.6	240.7	660.0	240.9	March
2 858.6	1 369.9	1 488.7	422.5	64.9	249.9	617.8	133.5	April

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

		riginal series	Seaso	nally adjusted	Trend estimates	
Month	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
2000						
February	11 184	1 498	11 005	1 510	10 913	1 479
March	11 558	1 554	10 471	1 390	10 522	1 421
April	8 681	1 172	9 348	1 307	10 184	1 364
May	12 592	1 622	11 361	1 458	9 933	1 313
June	9 352	1 250	8 690	1 152	9 789	1 271
July	9 305	1 165	9 719	1 214	9 775	1 245
August	10 911	1 367	10 482	1 335	9 904	1 242
September	9 368	1 166	9 634	1 203	r 10 102	1 255
October	10 210	1 252	10 076	1 234	r 10 297	r 1 280
November	11 282	1 388	10 888	1 335	r 10 441	r 1 311
December	10 153	1 330	10 937	1 410	r 10 492	r 1 342
2001						
January	9 104	1 231	10 472	1 388	r 10 474	r 1 370
February	9 349	1 230	9 651	1 284	r 10 450	r 1 399
March	r 11 278	r 1 561	r 10 723	r 1 469	r 10 434	r 1 426
April	10 197	1 412	10 502	1 480	10 391	1 447

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

	Food retailing	Department stores	and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Tota
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2000								
March	1 244.7	224.2	217.4	342.8	132.1	292.6	451.7	2 905.5
April	1 163.1	260.6	224.2	309.6	117.4	291.9	388.4	2 755.3
May	1 180.1	265.3	248.2	349.8	118.9	305.2	393.8	2 861.
June	1 173.5	298.6	279.7	416.3	124.1	313.6	399.9	3 005.
July	1 211.9	202.4	173.1	316.4	115.5	294.2	394.1	2 707.
August	1 236.0	234.6	189.4	340.4	124.0	315.0	414.1	2 853.
September	1 216.2	245.9	193.9	341.3	130.7	311.2	408.4	2 847.
October	1 253.7	264.7	202.4	353.7	124.5	354.3	418.4	2 971.
November	1 296.2	302.9	240.8	385.8	136.9	375.1	425.2	3 163.
December	1 515.4	543.4	350.2	481.6	207.5	504.7	480.6	4 083.
2001								
January	1 309.7	240.0	212.4	366.5	141.2	312.4	428.0	3 010.
February	1 228.9	202.0	182.3	336.7	117.2	317.8	411.2	2 796.
March	1 365.9	261.7	228.7	361.7	130.3	341.8	475.0	3 165.
April	1 297.4	259.1	227.0	356.6	119.3	332.2	454.9	3 046.
May	1 301.9	269.0	231.1	381.7	131.6	374.1	461.9	3 151.

_		1999–2000	Eleven months er	nding May 2001
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
O Food and live animals chiefly for food(b)(c)	1 357	4 426	1 319	5 239
1 Beverages and tobacco(b)(c)	141	187	196	204
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)(b)(c)	625	1 580	625	1 991
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials(c)	1 764	1 221	2 172	1 300
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(b)(c)	93	113	88	97
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.(b)(c)	3 352	1 024	3 556	1 142
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material(b)(c)	4 648	2 681	4 415	2 660
7 Machinery and transport equipment(b)(c)	14 768	3 963	14 168	3 720
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(b)(c)	5 835	1 162	5 763	1 279
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.(d)	1 133	2 677	1 378	2 877
Total	33 717	19 034	33 679	20 509

⁽a) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

Source: International Merchandise Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

⁽b) Excludes export commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

⁽c) Excludes imports commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Division 9.

⁽d) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

		1998–99		1999–2000	Eleven months end	ing May 2001
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
Country	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	239	102	258	110	256	150
Brazil	118	48	105	46	115	64
Canada	392	125	445	135	379	180
China	2 537	669	3 029	1 124	3 623	1 281
Fiji	180	242	194	286	132	331
Finland	188	9	187	9	209	10
France	619	131	622	136	684	145
Germany	2 341	407	2 402	397	2 352	471
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	431	900	403	945	378	994
India	261	192	262	193	271	194
Indonesia	1 078	226	893	295	953	344
Italy	1 038	288	1 036	332	951	430
Japan	4 133	1 676	4 416	1 860	4 395	2 072
Korea, Republic of	847	862	870	1 236	1 001	1 224
Malaysia	873	431	1 118	514	963	486
Mexico	103	90	111	74	120	149
Netherlands	292	109	318	105	273	136
New Zealand	1 333	1 635	1 491	2 297	1 402	1 725
Pakistan	87	43	85	56	107	70
Papua New Guinea	64	188	67	139	21	136
Philippines	157	387	163	385	163	441
Saudi Arabia	107	511	221	704	274	1 040
Singapore	510	1 080	632	1 475	636	1 467
South Africa	125	217	166	229	190	187
Sweden	598	25	607	29	507	26
Switzerland	335	34	319	40	313	39
Taiwan	905	920	922	835	891	772
Thailand	523	343	673	439	734	442
United Kingdom	1 839	1 169	1 793	694	1 687	534
United States of America	6 891	1 469	7 701	1 630	6 823	1 880
Other and unknown	1 870	1 956	2 208	2 285	2 876	3 089
Total	31 014	16 484	33 717	19 034	33 679	20 509

⁽a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: International Merchandise Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

_		Victoria			Australia
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
eriod	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$ <i>n</i>
1998–1999	31 014	16 484	97 611	85 991	-11 620
1999–2000	33 717	19 034	110 078	97 286	-12 792
2000					
March	2 979	1 840	9 648	8 812	-836
April	2 490	1 602	8 004	8 271	26 ⁻
May	2 998	1 705	10 370	9 219	-1 15:
June	2 976	1 564	10 436	9 193	-1 24
July	2 908	1 640	9 755	9 367	-388
August	3 319	1 763	10 716	9 374	-1 342
September	3 041	1 852	9 852	9 779	-73
October	3 442	2 205	11 154	10 551	-60
November	3 443	r 1 949	11 006	r 10 431	r –57
December	2 819	r 1 835	9 250	r 10 294	r 1 04
2001					
January	2 882	r 1 485	9 230	r 8 320	r –91
February	2 711	r 1 904	r 8 322	r 9 215	r 89
March	r 3 074	r 2 079	r 9 930	r 10 580	r 65
April	r 2 953	r 1 832	r 9 570	r 10 307	r 73
May	3 087	1 967	10 001	10 670	669

22 TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Persons employed	Takings from accommodation
Quarter ended	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	no.	\$'000
1999							
June	698	30 766	85 247	1 545.6	55.4	21 725	170 130
September	698	30 934	85 483	1 589.5	56.0	21 780	184 105
December	705	31 317	86 058	1 672.7	58.1	21 633	191 644
2000							
March	707	31 332	86 134	1 773.4	62.3	21 498	r 212 986
June	705	31 384	86 372	1 628.9	57.1	21 586	185 332
September	703	31 158	85 719	1 608.7	56.2	21 784	202 914
December	701	31 155	85 238	1 698.9	59.4	21 700	212 463
2001							
March	706	32 023	87 185	1 787.2	62.1	21 890	235 877

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